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SUBJECT: LETHAL GAS EXPLOSION IN LOMBARDY

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1. DR. POLAND UNABLE PROVIDE LARGE QUANTITY DIOXIN REQUESTED REFTEL, BUT AT HIS SUGGESTION DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED WITH PRIVATE SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE FOR DR. POCCHIARI 200 MG DIOXIN IN EIGHT CONTAINERS (25 MG PER CONTAINER). SHIPMENT WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL FORWARD PROMPTLY TO EMBASSY. WILL ADVISE WHEN AND HOW SHIPPED.

2. DR. DONALD G. CROSBY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (DAVIS), HAS BEEN INVITED BY POCCHIARI TO COORDINATE RESULTS OF ROME SYMPOSIUM ON DIOXIN AND TO CONSULT WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH ON SEVESO DECONTAMINATION PROBLEM. CROSBY PLANS TO ARRIVE ROME ON TWA 840 SEPTEMBER 6 ETA 11:10 A.M. CROSBY HAS ASKED US TO REQUEST THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH ARRANGE TO MEET HIM AND PROVIDE HIM WITH HOTEL RESERVATION FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREE NIGHTS, SEPTEMBER 6, 7, AND 8.

3. DEPARTMENT BRIEFED CROSBY BY PHONE CONCERNING CLOSE
LINK BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF DIOXIN

DISASTER. IN PARTICULAR WE INDICATED LIKELIHOOD THAT
CROSBY WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL PRESS, WHICH
WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HIS RESEARCH ON RATHER
RAPID BREAKDOWN OF DIOXIN WHEN EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT AND
ITS SUBSEQUENT DETOXIFICATION. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE
RELEVANT TO ANY GOI PLANS FOR DECONTAMINATION OF DISASTER
AREA ESPECIALLY ENLARGED ZONE A. CROSBY IS CLOSE FRIEND
AND FORMER COLLEAGUE OF DR. PHILIP KEARNEY, WITH WHOM HE
HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH CONCERNING HIS VISIT TO ROME. KISSINGER

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